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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: T. Johnson
MAKOTO SATO ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/818,560)
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Filed: March 28, 2001)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2004 (February 29, 2004, being a Sunday), Applicants hereby elect Species IV, on which Claims 1-10, 14-26, 38-40, 45, 46, 51, and 52 are readable, for initial prosecution on the merits.

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March 1, 2004

Date of Signature

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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